

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 231107-090

WHEREAS, The Hayes Valley Merchants Council has operated a recurring three day per week closure of Hayes Street between Gough and Octavia streets since August 2020 under the pandemic era Roadway Shared Spaces program; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has received an application from the Hayes Valley Merchants Council to the permanent Roadway Shared Spaces program to continue the closure of Hayes Street between Gough and Octavia streets three days per week, Fridays from 4 pm to 10 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 10 pm; and

WHEREAS, In reaction to challenges observed by staff resulting from the three day per week closure, and based on results of a survey conducted by the Office of Small Business, which indicated mixed support from merchants along the corridor for a three day per week closure, staff recommended at the October 17, 2023 SFMTA Board of Director's meeting that the permit duration be reduced to one day per week, to include only Saturdays from 1 pm to 10 pm; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board of Directors at their October 17, 2023 meeting voted to amend the staff recommendation to include both a Friday closure from 4 pm to 10 pm and a Saturday closure from 1 pm to 10 pm; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board of Directors at their October 17, 2023 directed staff to study a potential permanent street closure of Hayes Street and report back to the Board within six months; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has identified a need for parking and traffic modifications as follows:

- A. ESTABLISH – SHARED SPACES ROAD CLOSURE – Hayes Street between Gough and Octavia streets, Friday, November 10, 2023, through Saturday, October 19, 2024, 4 pm to 10 pm each Friday and 1 pm to 10 pm each Saturday.

WHEREAS, The proposed closure would be subject to the permit conditions recommended by staff, including additional wayfinding, regular activation, an updated barricade setup at both ends of the closure area, intersection monitors, and additional loading spaces; and

WHEREAS, The subject portion of Hayes Street is no longer needed for vehicle traffic during the proposed closure hours and the street closure is necessary for the safety and protection of the public who are using that portion of the street during the closure; and

WHEREAS, On September 17, 2010, the San Francisco Planning Department published the Better Streets Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (Better Streets Plan FMND, Case No. 2007.1238E), and under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code—the San Francisco Planning

Commission adopted CEQA Findings, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) on October 28, 2010 under Motion 18211; and

WHEREAS, On April 19, 2021, the San Francisco Planning Department determined that the Shared Spaces Program (Case No. 2021-003010ENV), inclusive of Item A, is within the scope of the Better Streets Plan FMND and that it would not require the preparation of a subsequent negative declaration under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162; and

WHEREAS, The SFMTA Board of Directors has reviewed the Better Streets Plan Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (FMND) and Addendum and finds that since adoption of the FMND, no changes have occurred in the proposed project or in the circumstances under which the project would be implemented that would cause new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of impacts identified and analyzed in the FMND, and that no new information has emerged that would materially change the analysis or conclusions set forth in the FMND; The actions approved herein would not necessitate implementation or additional or considerably different mitigation measures that those identified in the FMND; and

WHEREAS, Copies of the CEQA determinations are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department by Case Number at <https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/> or 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and are incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, The public has been notified about the proposed modifications and has been given the opportunity to comment on those modifications through the public hearing process; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors adopts these CEQA findings as its own; a copy of the Planning Commission Resolution, the CEQA findings, and the CEQA determinations are on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors, and may be found in the records of the Planning Department at <https://sfplanning.org/> and 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 in San Francisco, and is incorporated herein by reference; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors approves Item A above, and finds that the subject portion of Hayes Street is no longer needed for vehicle traffic during the proposed closure hours and the street closure is necessary for the safety and protection of the public who are using that portion of the street during the closure; and be it further

RESOLVED, The SFMTA Board of Directors directs staff to study a potential permanent street closure of Hayes Street and report back to the Board within six months.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of November 7, 2023.



Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency